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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM USUN NEW YORK DATED MARCH 19,
1978 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO BEIRUT, LONDON IS
REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 00973

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, UK, LE, XF
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. AS ONE INDICATION OF REACTIONS HERE TO TRAVAIL OF LAST
SEVERAL DAYS, BOTH UK AMBASSADOR RICHARD AND SYG WALDHEIM
TODAY SEPARATELY AND SPONTANEOUSLY SAID TO LEONARD THAT
THEY CONSIDERED THIS OPERATION A MODEL OF HOW UN COULD AND
SHOULD RESPOND TO A CRISIS. EACH ONE ADDED THAT THE PRIN-
CIPAL FACTOR IN BRINGING THIS RESPONSE TO A MEANINGFUL RE-
SULT HAD BEEN VIGOROUS AND PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITY OF USG.

2. WE WOULD ADD THAT RICHARD AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS
HIMSELF MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. HE IS OUTSTANDING
IN CHAIRING EITHER INFORMAL OR FORMAL MEETINGS, KNOWS HOW
TO KEEP THIS HETEROGENEOUS GROUP FROM WANDERING DOWN SIDE
ALLEYS, AND IF HE SOMETIMES SEEMS A BIT HIGH-HANDED, THIS
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IS PLAINLY OUTWEIGHED BY HIS ABILITY TO PRESS THROUGH TO A
CLEAR CONCLUSION.

3. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO
THOSE POSTS WHO HAVE HARRIED DROWSY FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN-
TO INSTRUCTING THEIR UN REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT US ON
ONE OR ANOTHER ARCANE POINT. WE THINK PARTICULARLY OF

BEIRUT. NEW LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TUENI HAS, INCIDENTALLY,
LEARNED THIS GAME VERY QUICKLY AND HAS ENORMOUSLY IM-
PRESSED ALL OF US. HE HAS STOOD UP TO RADICAL ARABS, PAR-
TICULARLY PLO, IN A WAY THAT IS NOT OFTEN SEEN HERE.
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